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THE OPEN LETTERS

THE TRIBUNE has devoted considerable space for several weeks in the interest of the pineapple growers, and has made an effort to furnish some information and correct false statements that have been published and circulated which might have worked injury to the growers. It has not been our desire to get into any controversy. Our object has been exactly the reverse—to consolidate the growers into an organization that could control the marketing of the pineapple crop, as well as regulate the price of everything used in the production and shipping of the crop; and to be united in an effort to secure cheaper and better transportation rates and service.

In a bold effort to discredit THE TRIBUNE, or a conspiracy to gain influence, our local contemporary devoted more than two columns of its editorial space in misrepresenting and mis-quoting this paper in its issue of June 11th. In our issue of June 25th we replied to this attack so completely that our contemporary could make no reply.

Suffering under a deep chagrin at the utter discomfort of their bosom friend and chum; R. L. Goodwin and Chas. Lord, in three communications in the last issue of our contemporary, enter the attack against THE TRIBUNE. They too, charge us with saying things that never appeared in THE TRIBUNE. Mr. Goodwin says: "One of our editors ascribed the cause of our low market to three things, 'low tariff, competition of Cuba, and lack of intelligence in the grower in tying up his crop with distributors.'" THE TRIBUNE has never questioned the intelligence of the growers. If Mr. Goodwin thinks that "tying up his crop with distributors" shows a lack of intelligence, let him say so under his own name. THE TRIBUNE has never said so. Before Mr. Goodwin concludes his article, he gets down to earth, and practically admits everything THE TRIBUNE has contended regarding the marketing of the pineapples, except we do not believe a Moses is needed. The average intelligence of the growers is sufficient to perfect plans that can again make the pineapple business highly profitable. All that is needed is organization and a determination to stick to the organization. The present method of every Tom, Dick and Harry padding his own canoe will never redeem the business and conditions will be worse next year—except so far as the increased tariff will benefit us.

One communication discounts the f. o. b. buyer—can it be possible? It mentions a case where a buyer begged to be let out of a purchase. A similar occurrence has come under our knowledge (it may be the same case). The buyer found out that he was paying a tribute of 10 cents a crate to one of the distributors—his competitor. He would not have been much of a business man if he had stayed in that deal. This is why buyers left here, and others turned brokers. H. W. Pratt, of the Collins, Pratt & Graves Co., of Boston, left here on that account. Several pineapple growers have told us of others. Our information on this subject has come from growers—not from commission merchants or buyers.

Mr. Goodwin says: "If the crop of pines could be properly distributed our complaints would cease" and Cuba could send all she wanted, free of duty."

Is this not enough to condemn the distributing agencies? What are they getting 10 cents per crate for? It is a mistake to have two distributing agencies. It is a mistake to have a commission house a distributing agency. This should be handled by the growers' exchange or association. There is other work for the growers, but nothing can be accomplished until a complete organization is perfected.

THE TRIBUNE would have considerable more to say on these three communications but is prevented from doing so by the receipt of several letters from pineapple growers asking us to deal as lightly as possible in our reply, for fear of estranging the growers, —

when organization is so much to be desired.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

Ed. V. Walker, of Toledo, was in Fort Pierce Monday.

S. S. Halliday made a business trip to St. Augustine the first of the week.

Little Miss Ruby Swain has returned from a visit of two weeks with relatives in Titusville.

Paul Kroegel, J. L. Stinson and F. B. Slack, of Sebastian, were in this city during the past week.

Miss Fannie Baker, of San Mateo, spent several days in town this week the guest of her sister, Miss Amanda Baker.

The Junior Epworth League held quite an enjoyable picnic on the church lawn. Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Lois Durkee managed the affair.

Friends of W. T. Harbin are in receipt of illustrated post cards portraying scenes around his old home in Burgby-Sands, England, where he is visiting his mother.

Rev. J. W. MacNamara returned Tuesday from a stay of several weeks in Jacksonville. He will move his family to that city next week, and will make their future home there.

A regular meeting of the city council was held Wednesday evening. Only routine business was transacted. The last bond against the city will be paid during the month, and the city will be free of debt.

Teddy Boxxe, who has filled the position of pressman in THE TRIBUNE office for the past six months, will leave Saturday night for a vacation of a month, which he will spend at his home, No. 413 Park avenue west, Savannah.

Married, at the residence of the bride on Magnolia avenue, Wednesday eve., July 7th, Mrs. Dora S. Jeakins to Mr. Roy H. Saulsbury; A. D. Penney performing the service. Only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present. THE TRIBUNE joins the hosts of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

At a meeting of the directors of the Indian River Telephone Company, held in Fort Pierce, Tuesday, George E. Coon, of Jensen, tendered his resignation as general manager, which was accepted, and Dr. L. A. Peek, of Melbourne, was elected to fill the position together with his other duties as secretary and treasurer. It is probable that a consolidation of the Indian River and the Tropical telephone companies will take place sometime in the fall.

A regular meeting of the Booster's Club was held Wednesday evening. The resignation of Mrs. C. M. Horton as a member of the finance committee was received and accepted, and Mrs. W. N. Hendry appointed to fill the vacancy. After discussing several methods of benefitting the town, a motion prevailed that hereafter meetings of the club shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month, and adjournment was taken until August 11th.

Aaron Williams, or as he is sometimes called, Aaron Bailey, will today between the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock pay the penalty for the murder of Jim Patterson at Viking in December, 1908. The scaffold has been erected on the northside of the county jail and Sheriff Carlton has completed all arrangements. Williams was about the most unconcerned man about the jail yesterday and while he could hear the gallows being built he was seated in his cell reading his bible, which has been his constant companion.

He declared that he was ready to die and had made all preparations. "Friday I will be in heaven," he said. Sheriff Carlton will be assisted at the hanging by his three deputies and Sheriff J. P. Brown, of Titusville. A jury of twelve citizens, two physicians and representatives of the press will be the only witnesses. This is the first execution to be held in St. Lucie county. Williams has confessed to the murder but insists that he was justified.

U. S. Department of Agriculture

Weather Bureau, Fort Pierce.

The following is a statement of temperature and rainfall for the week ending July 7th:

Date	Temperature		Rainfall in inches and hundredths	Character of day
	Highest	Lowest		
1	91	69	.68	P Cloudy
2	83	71	.24	Cloudy
3	81	68	.94	Cloudy
4	95	73		Clear
5	94	73		Clear
6	90	74		Clear
7	88	74		Clear

R. L. GOODWIN, Observer

EDEN.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richards spent some time with their relatives here last week.

Messrs. Rufus Booth and Clarence Wolf were among those who went to Palm Beach for the fourth.

Pineapple shipping is nearly over. There will be a few crates every week, but the harvest is about over.

Miss Reba LeTourneau went to West Palm Beach last Sunday to spend a week with Mrs. Henry Whipple and daughters.

Edward the first and Edward the second, went on what proved to be a very successful bear hunt on the beach Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson came up from Stuart last Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Richards and family.

Our people are game. They are preparing land and planting pineapples just the same as ever, but perhaps without quite the same enthusiasm.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Williams at Jacksonville, June 30, a fine daughter. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson.

The Congregational Sunday school has received and accepted an invitation to join the Union Sunday school of Jensen, in an ocean beach picnic on the 14th.

Although this summer has not been an unparalleled success as far as prices for pines are concerned, it has been grandly successful as far as weather and freedom from insects is concerned.

Charles O'Donnell returned from his annual trip to the hospital, after his regular annual attempt to be killed by the Florida East Coast railway. They will have to get larger locomotives if they ever expect to make any impression on Charles.

Mrs. J. G. Wey has been the guest of her daughter for a week at a very popular summer resort near a large body of salt water. It is hoped the change will prove beneficial to Mrs. Wey's health, which has been not quite so good as usual.

Recent word from Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Jones, of New Smyrna, says that Mrs. Jones health will not permit of a longer sojourn on the coast, and much to the regret of the New Smyrna people they will have to leave for a higher and dryer climate.

We are getting worried for fear that sprinkling all the ponds in New Jersey with petroleum has killed all the mosquito seed (we depended on Jersey for our supply.) What will the East Coast be without mosquitoes?—almost as lonesome as home without a mother.

STUART.

We understand that Dr. North is about to locate here, having leased John Michaels' house.

The Epworth League entertainment last Saturday night was very enjoyable and a success in every way.

C. L. Coggins, who recently sold his pinery here to Henry Stypmann moved his family back to their old home in Thomasville, N. C., the first of the week.

The Union Sunday School and Christian Endeavor society have accepted the invitation of the Union Sunday School of Jensen to join them in a picnic at the beach next Wednesday.

Rev. Neil McQuarrie is enjoying his vacation now and while he is at home he will preach in the Christian Endeavor hall every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Next Sunday he will begin a series of sermons on "Old Testament Types of Christ." Abel will be the first to be discussed.

The special Fourth of July program for the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday night was very interesting and enjoyed by a large audience. Special mention must be made of the singing of what is likely to be our new national song by Dr. Roberts, and the exhibition of a copy of "The Ulster County Gazette" dated January 4, 1800 and containing an account of the death of Washington. This paper is in a perfect state of preservation in spite of the fact that it was carried through the Civil War by R. R. Frazier. The paper is now in the possession of Mrs. Frazier.

SEBASTIAN.

W. C. Braddock visited the county seat on Sunday.

Paul Kroegel attended the meeting of the board on Monday.

Miss Ruby Owens, of Jacksonville, is visiting her sister here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baughman took in the sights at Melbourne Monday.

Mrs. M. Matchett and daughter, Mrs. Dean, are visiting Mrs. H. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawson left Monday for Wauchula, going by private conveyance.

Miss Josephine Stinson left for Narrows Tuesday where she will conduct the school for the summer.

Quite a number of our young folks spent the 5th in Melbourne. Among them were Misses Maud and Ethel Owens, Emma Hall, Ruby Lawson, Kitty Ryall, Ardelia Cain, and Messrs. R. B. Ryall, Fred Park and Cleve Kitching.

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Furniture If you are in need of any kind of Furniture, COBB'S is the only place to get it. We have the largest stock, best assortment and best prices in town.

Flags and Bunting The 4th will soon be here and everybody should bear in mind that Flags and Bunting are necessary and also bear in mind that COBB carries a full line.

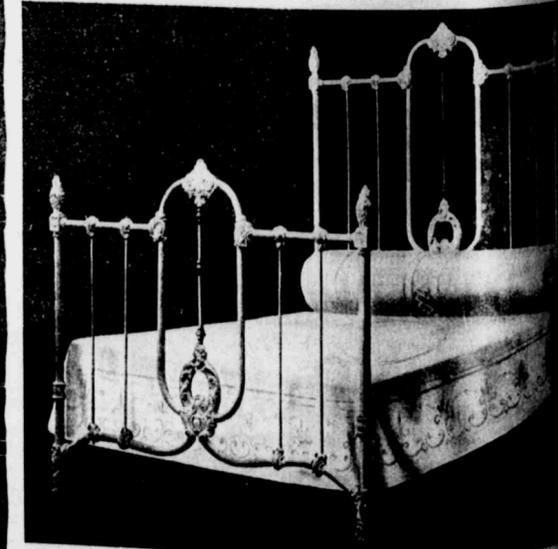
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